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COUNCIL OF MEDICAL RESEARCH

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1. FOLLOWING ARE EXCEPTS THAT APPEARED IN THE PRESS FROM
DR. GOPALAN'S SPEECH AT A 2-DAY SOUTHERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE
OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SURGEONS OF INDIA HELD IN MADRAS
ON AUGUST 12:

QUOTE GOPALAN SAID IT WAS DISAPPOINTING THAT THERE WERE FEW
REQUESTS FOR RESEARCH SCHEMES IN THE FIELD OF SURGERY.
WITHOUT CONFINING THEMSELVES TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF
SURGICAL INTERVENTION, SPECIALISTS SHOULD STUDY THE
PATHOGENESIS OF MANY SURGICAL PROBLEMS AND PROMOTE
PREVENTIVE CARE. POINTING OUT THAT SUFFICIENT ATTENTION WAS
NOT BEING GIVEN FOR REHABILITATION MEDICINE AND THE
SURGEONS SHOULD PROMOTE BIO-MEDICAL ENGINEERING.
"DIRECTOR GENERAL, ICMR ASSERTED THAT MONEY WAS NOT
A BOTTLENECK IN THE PROMOTION OF MEDICAL RESEARCH.
WHAT WAS NEEDED WAS A RADICAL INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE
IN THE MEDICAL SET-UP. FOR, THE FUNDS OF THE ICMR
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WHICH STOOD AT RS. 17 MILLION IN 1973 AND GONE UP NOW
RS. 70 MILLION.

".GOPALAN SAID HE MET WITH A DISCOURAGING RESPONSE IN
DISBURSAL OF FUNDS TO MEDICAL COLLEGES. NOT MANY OF
THESE INSTITUTIONS COULD TAKE UP ANY MEANINGFUL RESEARCH.
OUT OF OVER 100 MEDICAL COLLEGES NOT EVEN 30 CAME FORWARD

TO UTILIZE THE (RESEARCH) FUNDS. HE HOPED THAT SETTING UP OF A MEDICAL GRANTS COMMISSION RECOMMENDED BY THE SRIVASTAVA COMMITTEE AND APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION, WOULD SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF FINANCE FOR RESEARCH WORK UNQUOTE.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BEGINS: COMMENT:

THE ABOVE REMARKS MAY SERVE AS BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR DR. JOHN BRYANT, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH AND OTHERS AT NIH FOR THEIR DISCUSSIONS WITH GOPALAN SCHEDULED AUGUST 23-25 IN WASHINGTON (REFTEL B). APPARENTLY ICMR HAS SUFFICIENT RESEARCH FUNDS AND IS FINDING DIFFICULTY IN UTILIZING THEM EFFECTIVELY. ABOUT 2 YEARS AGO THE GOI ALLOCATED 20 MILLION RUPEES FOR MALARIA RESEARCH. DESPITE STRONG SUPPORT FROM THE WHO REGIONAL OFFICE, IN NEW DELHI IN FORMULATION OF A VIABLE PROGRAM, ICMR INITIATED LESS THAN A DOZEN PROJECTS IN THE MALARIA FIELD. GOPALAN IN A MEETING WITH SCIATT ADMITTED THAT IT WOULD BE EMBARRASING FOR HIM TO ASK FOR U.S. FUNDS FOR MALARIA SINCE THE ICMR HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO UTILIZE ITS OWN MALARIA RESEARCH FUNDS. HOWEVER, HE SHOWED INTEREST IN COOPERATING WITH CDC IN SEROLOGIC TESTS FOR THE EPIDEMIOLOGY OF MALARIA ON A NO-COST BASIS I.E. EACH SIDE FUNDS ITS PROGRAM. A PROPOSAL IS BEING REVIEWED BY THE ICMR AND CDC ON THE SUBJECT: GOPALAN HAS ALSO SIGNED A NO-COST AGREEMENT WITH NIH ON IMMUNOLOGIC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ASPECTS OF HUMAN FILARIASIS.

ACCORDING TO SOME PROMINENT INDIAN RESEARCHERS MOST OF THE RESEARCH PROGRAM BEING SUPPORTED BY THE ICMR WITH ITS OWN FUNDS ARE EITHER SURVEYS OR ARE RESEARCH PROGRAMS OF POOR QUALITY. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE ENDS.
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